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Integrity questions invite council's response

By KELLY JASPER
senior writer

Assertions that students and faculty view JMU's academic policies as "a joke" prompted a Faculty Senate committee to invite Honor Council members to discuss campus perceptions of the Honor Code, committee members said.

Details of whether members of the council accepted the invitation, as well as the meeting's date and time, were not available. Committee members said plans are in the works for a discussion before the Senate's next meeting Oct. 7.

The invitation developed during a meeting of the Student Concerns Committee, a division of the Faculty Senate, last week. The issue was referred to the committee following faculty concerns addressed at the Senate meeting a week prior.

The Honor Council, faculty said at the meeting, compromised the Honor Code's integrity after declining to press charges against 300 members of two sororities in possession of test banks.

“You can't have a code which you enforce on a by-convenience basis.”

— Nikitah Imani
sociology professor
Faculty Senate member

The committee also could survey faculty about their attitudes toward the code, and has suggested the policy be incorporated more into the student orientation process. An online program was suggested.

Nikitah Imani, a sociology professor and member of the Senate, brought the issue of the council's integrity to the Senate two weeks ago.

“You can't have a code which you enforce on a by-convenience basis,” he told *The Breeze* last week.

Following a month-long investigation, members of Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha were not charged due to a lack of evidence, council officials said. The tests were destroyed before the council ruled not to press charges.

More than 50 years of archived test files were discovered in mid-July in two Greek Row houses. The age of the tests was taken into consideration when deciding to not pursue an Honor Code violation, said Maggie Burkhart Evans, Honor Council coordinator.

Still, faculty said that the investigation was dropped due to the logistics of investigating so many students.

“With the Honor Code, difficulty isn't really an excuse to disregard it,” Imani said.

The Honor Code states obtaining prior knowledge of exam materials in an unauthorized manner is a violation. The council has maintained that only using, not possessing, tests is a violation. The current language was not in effect during the period the tests were reportedly collected.

Such a “relaxed interpretation” has damaged perceptions of the Honor Code, faculty said following the Senate meeting.

A New SGA

Fresh start breeds student leaders, goals, accomplishments

Freshman Class Council

President



Brandon Eickel
Major: Communications and political science

“I want to successfully establish a solid foundation ... and to create new programs and traditions that will have a lasting effect on the university.”

Vice President



Julia Marchetti
Major: Business, marketing

“I want to represent the students and have fun.”

Treasurer



Trishana Farley
Major: Pre-Media arts and design

“While I am class treasurer I hope to raise money to put on amazing programs to bring the class of 2008 together this year.”

Secretary



Shelly Harris
Major: Business management

“I want to recruit as many freshmen as possible to come out and support our class in order to make our first year a great one.”

Freshman Class Council elections were held last Wednesday, Sept. 8.

KEVAN MACTIVER/graphics editor

Execs fulfill platform points

Six of eight objectives complete since March elections

By GEARY COX
news editor

A new HOV parking lot and 500 more Purple Out T-shirts are a few of the six platform points completed by the Student Government Association. A total of eight central objectives were named by candidates March.

“If SGA doesn't address problems, it's failing students,” student body president Tom Culligan said during a campaign speech in March.

Culligan's campaign focused on campus safety and parking issues.

Earlier this week, Culligan joined other members of SGA and the administration to officially open an HOV parking lot—completing a major platform plank. Culligan also secured a more direct appeals process for parking tickets and a warning ticket system for those without a parking detail. No official plans have been released to improve public security.

“I've also tried to make community rela-

tions a priority for SGA this year,” Culligan said. “I ran an editorial in [a local newspaper] ... to remind the community all that JMU students contribute to the city and county,” he said. Culligan also is focusing on voter registration. “We've had a very successful September with [Class Council] elections, voter registration, Sept. 11 events and promoting the new parking options for students,” Culligan said.

Senior John Alex Golden, vice president of academic affairs, campaigned on creating a commuter parking pass for nighttime usage only, which was implemented at the beginning of this year. Golden has yet to see the fruition of his campaign plan to stagger classes on West and East campuses. “I really don't think the administration is too keen on the idea ... the plan is a few years down the road, at least,” he said. Golden said that the usual 15 minutes between classes does not

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Senate elects new speaker

By MARIA NOSAL
SGA reporter

The Student Government Association elected a new Senate Speaker during their first meeting of the year on Tuesday.

The senate elected senior Krissy Schenbel as the speaker for the year. The speaker serves as the chairperson of the Student Senate, gives monthly reports evaluating the Student Senate committees and is a non-voting member of the Executive

Council. In the event of a tie, the Speaker votes in a way that reflects the Student Senate.

“I wanted to be Speaker so I could ensure that our Senate meetings are being run as efficiently as possible,” Schenbel said. “As Speaker, I plan to work closely with our Senate committees and make sure that they are meeting their goals for the semester and year, and that they are providing services that all the students of JMU can benefit from.”

Three senators, junior Michael Dickie, Schenbel and sophomore Brendan

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HOV lot grand opening ‘to encourage carpooling’

By SARA CHRISTOPH
staff writer

There's strength in numbers, safety in numbers and now parking in numbers. The Student Government Association and Parking Services officially opened an HOV parking lot for commuter students who carpool during a press conference on Monday.

Student body president Tom Culligan led a campaign to open certain on-campus parking lots exclusively to high-occupancy vehicles. Working with Parking Services on behalf of SGA, Culligan hopes to encourage carpooling among students, opening up R6 Lot to vehicles carrying at least three people. The HOV lot is located off of Duke Drive near Garber Hall and next to R1 Lot. “It is a

great location,” Culligan said. “It is much less of a hike than from the back of the [R1 Lot].”

Culligan said the lot usually is full, but that is because residents still park there illegally. He said that about five to eight commuters park there a day.

“Since we can't build new lots, this is the type of immediate solution that we can do in the meantime,” Culligan said, who spoke at the press conference.

Culligan came up with the idea during his campaign for office last year, and it served as an integral part of his platform. “There was really no way to encourage people to carpool under the current system. This is a way to encourage carpooling and reward those who do,” he said.

“Any student commuter could have a space waiting for them in this lot,” Culligan

added. It does not require a special pass, meaning any car with a valid commuter pass is eligible to park.

“I am very excited about the HOV lot because parking is such a problem,” senior Lydia Oppé said. “Maybe this will help alleviate some of the problems.”

The lot may be small, but with the HOV policy, this means that its 18 spaces will serve 54 students. “That's 36 students not driving,” Culligan said.

Towana Moore, the associate vice president of business services, also spoke at the opening. Moore emphasized that Parking Services always is open to new ideas from students. “We were very excited to work with Tom,” Moore said. “I don't think most students realize that there is student representation on our board.”



CHRISTOPHER LABZDA/senior photographer

Student Body President Tom Culligan spoke at Monday's HOV lot grand opening.

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Kristen Moretti
Undeclared
Sophomore

"I expected 'The Village' to be really scary, but I was disappointed. It wasn't what I expected at all."



Margot Moser
Undeclared
Sophomore

"I hated 'Footloose' because the plot involved a chicken race with tractors, and Kevin Bacon can't dance."

campus SPOTLIGHT

What is the worst movie of all time and why?

"We watched 'Voyage of Miami' in 7th grade and it took two weeks to watch."



Artemis Anagnis
Education
Junior

"'Gigli' had a terrible plot and horrendous dialogue. It seemed like it was created to steal two hours of people's lives and \$7 at the same time."



Adam Trunzo
Anthropology
Junior

LISA PELEGRI/ contributing photographer



SARAH RABABY/contributing photographer

Students get ready to vote by filling out voter registration forms on the commons in front of Gibbons Hall. The registration drive is part of Constitution Week, sponsored by OrangeBand and SGA.

DUKE DAYS Events Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 16

Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, will be holding a meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in Jackson Hall, room 102. For more information contact Heather at campbehl.

New & Improv'd will be holding auditions today at 8 p.m. in Taylor 405. Please come and make sure to bring a pen and a sense of humor. If you have any questions contact Brett at bovioba.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Beginner dance lessons will be held in PC Ballroom at 8 p.m., then students can dance from 9 to 11:30 p.m. The event is free and no experience or partner is necessary. Contact Emily at fleckea for more details.

E-mail us your Duke Days! breeze@jmu.edu 50 words or less.

POLICE LOG

By GEARY COX
news editor

Property Damage

A JMU student reported damage to a bicycle in the Eagle Hall courtyard between Sept. 7 and 11 at 5:34 p.m.

A JMU student reported that an unknown subject bent the back wheel of a bicycle at Eagle Hall between Sept. 10 and 13 at 2:35 p.m.

Petty Larceny

A JMU student reported the larceny of a bicycle from Greek Row between Sept. 10 and 11 at 3:05 a.m.

A JMU student reported the larceny of a parking decal and a pack of cigarettes from the console of a vehicle parked in Convocation Center B Lot on Sept. 2 at 11:11 a.m.

Grand Larceny

An unknown subject entered a vehicle and emptied the contents of the glove box onto the passenger seat Sept. 14 at 1:16 a.m. A car stereo faceplate and a blue fleece blanket are missing. The case currently is under investigation.

Grand Larceny/Property Damage

A non-student reported the larceny of a black handbag containing \$3, a Wal-Mart gift card and a credit card from a car parked in the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum parking lot on Sept. 13 at 3:29 p.m. The passenger side window of the vehicle was broken out.

Drunk in Public/Underage Possession

Hart E. Franko, 19, of Alexandria, was charged with drunk in public and underage possession of alcohol on Sept. 12 at 1:42 a.m. at Gibbons Hall.

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AROUND CAMPUS

Quilt exhibit displays African-American works

An exhibition of quilts made by African-Americans who were born, work or live in Virginia will be on display in the College Center and other local venues.

The exhibit opened Sunday, Sept. 12, and will run till Oct. 16. It is running in concert with the upcoming Furious Flower II Poetry Conference, which celebrates African-American poetry tradition. The Conference will take place Sept. 22 to 25.

SPW hosts local fund raisers for AIDS

Student Partnership World Wide will be hosting events this week to raise money to supply children with AIDS in South Africa with medicine.

The group will host a skate jam on Friday and a Playstation tournament on Saturday in Transitions.

It is \$5 to enter the tournament where students will be playing Madden for \$100 and a chance to play the mayor of Harrisonburg.

"When we told the mayor what it was we were doing, he was ecstatic," said Stephen Ogletree, a member of the group. "I challenged him to play and he said he would."

Free pizza will be offered at the tournament.

The skate jam will be \$3 at the door for all those who want to participate.

Splinter takes over the Quad



KATELYN WYSZYNSKI/staff photographer

UPB hosted a movie on the Quad Monday night. About 300 students watched "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: The Secret of the Ooze."

UPB brings entertainment

BY SARA CHRISTOPH
contributing writer

The University Program Board makes plans to bring better and more exciting groups and speakers to campus every year.

"The reason why UPB brings groups and speakers to JMU is to educate, inform and entertain the JMU community," said junior Corey Schwartz, executive director of UPB. "We like to bring different aspects that will show light of the many different sides of current events and issues that are taking place."

Said senior Evan Bolick, director of issues and cultural awareness, "Each speaker is brought here through an agency," he said.

The process depends on the musician's or speaker's routing sched-

ules. If a group happens to be doing a show in a local city, UPB will contact their agent and ask them to come.

"Usually, for politicians, prices range from \$6,000 for a minor news correspondent to \$20,000 for someone like Howard Dean or Marlin Fitzwater, a former press secretary," Bolick said. "The highest level is Al Gore or Bob Dole on the circuit for around \$30,000 to \$50,000."

Working at UPB "is almost like a professional job that students are doing," according to sophomore Jeremy Paredes, UPB director media and public relations.

For most college students, it is difficult to work a job, let alone a full-time job, into their schedules. "Behind every director you see," Paredes said, "20 to 30 people are behind him."

Performing group helps raise money

BY KATIE O'DOWD
contributing writer

Virginia's Public Television station, WVPT, will broadcast the "Cubby's Kids Telethon" from noon on Sept. 18 to Sept. 19.

The telethon will highlight children's services on air and inform the community about WVPT's public service contributions.

"This telethon is really important because it supports the greater community," sophomore Lindsey Barnett said.

"Many people believe we

are just a television station," said Gail Smith, director of corporate communications. "We want to show that we are much more than what you see on TV."

Contributions called in during the telethon will go toward the funding of WVPT's educational programs.

Donations will contribute to workshops for parents and educators, the distribution of free books to children who cannot afford them and community story times, among other projects. The station's goal is \$75,000, Smith said.

The telethon will consist of a variety of live entertainment acts, ranging from singers to storytellers.

JMU's Children's Playshop also will perform during the telethon.

"We were delighted to be asked to participate in the telethon," playshop artistic director William Buck said. "JMU students will perform a scene and a song from our recent production of 'The Fabulous Fable Factory.'"

"We hope that people will tune in and be entertained and informed," Smith said.

Students can avoid noise violations with planning

BY CAITLIN FRIEL
contributing writer

Off-campus students face a heavy penalty for noise violations, including a fine of up to \$2,500 and up to one year in prison.

If students know they will be having a party or a loud event, they can call the HPD and register their party. This offers the students a sort of warning — if someone calls to complain about the noise at a house which has been registered, the police then call the house and

let them know there has been a complaint. If, however, a second call is made to complain, officers then are sent to the scene to assess the situation.

"The biggest problem in the off-campus JMU community is over consumption of alcohol, which goes hand-in-hand with noise problems," said Sgt. Shane Brown of the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Brown said a citizen must call the police and enter a complaint about a noise problem for

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SPW

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In 2003 it was estimated that in South Africa, 5.7 million people are living with HIV, of whom 300,000 were babies. The Department of Health estimated that 6.5 million will be infected by the end of 2004; over half will be children who were infected through birth and poor health care, which, with provision of the correct drugs, is almost completely preventable. We can make a difference.

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POINTS: SGA reaches goals

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allow enough time for students to commute between East and West campuses.

In March, Golden said he would "keep minority and diversity issues at the forefront [of university business]." In August, a sexual non-discrimination clause was added back into university policy.

"Take Your Professor to Lunch" is a new program Golden is focusing on for the coming months in which students will arrange extracurricular activities with their teachers. Golden also plans to initiate reforms with NTC Communications in response to widespread student complaints, he said.

Addressing problems with the distribution of Purple Out T-shirts during Homecoming week celebrations was the main plank of senior Alka Franceschi's campaign as the office of vice president of student affairs.

"This year, we will have at

least 1,500 Purple Out T-shirts," she said. "We will continue to distribute them at the pep rally, but we'll have more manpower and security for distribution." According to Franceschi, 1,000 T-shirts were distributed last year.

Franceschi said she has been working with the Homecoming committee on a ticket system for the popular shirts.

Junior Gina Maurone promised budget reform and an increase in awareness with how groups can secure funding from the SGA.

Maurone said that she will work with Culligan and senior Hunter Hanger, student representative to the Board of Visitors, to compose a plan for budget reform to better address group needs. Maurone also will meet with the Center for Multicultural and International Student Services to explain how non-front-end budgeted groups can receive money from the SGA contingency fund.

SGA: Executive Board expresses expectations for year

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Travis were nominated. Each gave a brief speech on his or her experience and hopes for the Senate and the SGA.

Each member of the Executive Board gave a short speech stating what they expected of the upcoming year.

"This is the year we have

to step it up; no concern is too small," student body president Tom Culligan said. "There are nearly 100 people here committed to working toward concerns and challenges of the student body."

Also, two new SGA Executive Council positions have been added this year, the di-

rector of government relations, junior Beth Rudolph, and the director of cultural affairs, senior Lauren Broussard.

Senior John Alex Golden, vice president of administrative affairs, informed senators that the University Commissions and Committees now is accepting applications.

Any student is welcome to apply for a committee to represent student opinions.

Senior Alka Franceschi, vice president of student affairs, next addressed the Senate, promising "more Purple Out T-shirts and a better way to distribute them" to the student body.

SPANKY'S: Local restaurant not paying workers

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About a week after quitting in June, Petty filed through the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry for unpaid wage claims.

According to Petty, the response read, "We have been unsuccessful in securing payment of your wages or resolving this matter informally."

The DOLI's next step is to issue a final order, which allows collection efforts to be made against the employer or corpo-

ration's assets. This process takes about 120 days, according to the response. Petty said he is owed about \$1,200.

Former restaurant supervisor Meredith Matzkin ('03) said she was fired from Spanky's in November 2003 for being late. At the time she was fired, she had been waiting for two paychecks and never received them.

"They tell everyone once you quit or get fired that you will receive your checks in the mail," Matzkin said.

Ellie Davis, former general manager of Spanky's, worked in the restaurant since 2000. She explained that the restaurant began bouncing checks when Spanky's Express opened in September 2003.

Sophomore Matt Bosworth, who never received payment, spoke to store owner Roland Macher as recently as a week ago about his missing paychecks. According to Bosworth, Macher apologized and told Bosworth if he sent in his hours he would be paid.

NOISE: Police want to work with students

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police to intervene.

The only other way is if an officer is driving, walking or biking by and hears something from the road. These are the only ways police get involved with "unreasonably loud" residencies.

Any student who receives a noise ordinance can be

prosecuted with a Class Four Misdemeanor, according to Brown. The penalty for this type of misdemeanor is a maximum fine of \$250. Nevertheless, if the problem includes other violations, it can be treated as a common misdemeanor, with a possibility of a fine as much as \$2,500 and up to one year in jail.

Although there are strict laws for noise violations, officers try to work with students to educate them about the growing problem. "Rumors say that the officers have an adversary relationship with students, but that's not true," Brown said. "We really do work in order to give students the benefit of the doubt."

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ACROSS VIRGINIA

Virginia lags in high school graduation

RICHMOND (AP) — Virginia prepares its students well for college, but 12 percent don't graduate from high school and less than one-third of the state's college-age residents are pursuing post-secondary education.

"The top states are graduating 94 percent" of their high school students. Virginia stands at 88 percent, said Jenny Delaney, a research associate with the National Center for Public Policy.

\$700 million could prevent hike in gas tax

VIENNA (AP) — A dozen GOP legislators from Northern Virginia touted a plan Tuesday to use the state's budget surplus to finance \$5 billion in new transportation projects across the state.

The lawmakers said at a press conference they expect at least a \$700 million surplus over the next two years, and they want to ensure that money is used for badly needed transportation projects.

Their proposal also serves as a pre-emptive strike against proponents of a gasoline tax increase to fund new transportation projects.

"People will be lined up to divvy up that \$700 million," said Del. Tim Hugo, R-Fairfax.



The Harrisonburg City Council listens to a presentation on the viability of clean fuel. All city vehicles should run on bio-diesel fuel by 2006.

AMY PATERSON/ photo editor

City switches to clean fuel

By COLLEEN SCHORN
senior writer

The Harrisonburg City Council approved the use of bio-diesel fuel for city vehicles during its meeting Tuesday.

Christie Brodrick, assistant professor of integrated science and technology, explained that bio-diesel endeavors were adopted this year, but that the fuel has been used on the JMU campus for the past five or six years.

"Bio-diesel is the only fuel that doesn't have a burden in capital investment, new infrastructure requirements or operation costs," Brodrick said.

Adding that bio-diesel comes from vegetable oil waste or animal fats, Brodrick said the city would use soybean oil.

"Domestically produced bio-diesel strengthens the economy," Brodrick said. She explained that it reduces dependency on foreign oil, increases vehicle performance, improves health and supports agriculture.

"It is by far the simplest alternative fuel available," Brodrick said. "It can be used in the same diesel engines or with little modifications."

Bio-diesel has a shorter shelf-life and has less energy density and must be monitored for gelling. However, Smith said that it doesn't get cold enough locally to worry about the fuel not working.

Harrisonburg Mayor Larry Rogers said that there would be a summit at JMU Nov. 15 and 16 to educate the community about bio-diesel.

"We have the opportunity to improve the health of the community because diesel causes cancer," Rogers said. "This will also help us maintain a strong agriculture community. I support it."

Council member Charles Chenault said, "I'm also supportive of it. The slight added cost seems to be greatly outweighed by the health advantages."

All city vehicles will run on bio-diesel fuel by 2006, said Reggie Smith, director of Harrisonburg transportation.

Spanky's late on employee checks

By SHARON SCHIFF
senior writer

Spanky's restaurant in downtown Harrisonburg still owes money to former employees. Several of these employees have contacted the Department of Labor and Industry to collect their deserved earnings. However, no money has been issued.

Former deli supervisor and JMU student junior Justin Petty is missing paychecks from Spanky's. Petty worked at the restaurant from October of 2003 until June of '04.

"The last month and a half that I worked [at the restaurant] I received no paychecks," Petty said.

Petty was promised on a weekly basis that

he would be paid soon. Managers would ask employees how much money they needed to pay bills and gave out partial amounts of employees' paychecks. After such promises, still no money was distributed.

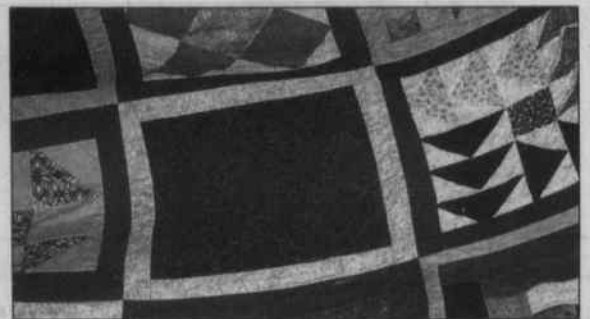
"I just had to leave," Petty said. "I was not getting paid, so I did not see the point of working at Spanky's anymore."

After leaving the company in June, Petty went into the restaurant about a week later and asked for his earnings. The managers said there were no paychecks and no money in the store to give him.

The Spanky's corporate office in Roanoke and Roland Macher refused to comment.

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HOUSE EDITORIAL

Culligan, SGA move expeditiously

Most voters watch political campaigns with a cynical pessimism — they listen to what the candidates' promises, but at the end of the day they know it's mostly rhetoric. Fortunately for JMU, the Student Government Association, led by president Tom Culligan, has set out determined to show students that they should get what they vote for.

The executive council — Culligan, as well as senior John Alex Golden, vice president of administrative affairs, senior Alka Franceschi, vice president of student affairs, and junior Gina Maurone, executive treasurer — have made fulfilling their campaign promises a priority. The council members already have accomplished six of their eight main platform goals.

Their quickness in passing bills with tangible results — support for diversity, adding parking options, improving Homecoming weekend and working toward budget reform — brings a refreshing energy to the SGA.

"Tom felt strongly about his platform and worked behind the scenes to make it happen," SGA adviser David Barnes said.

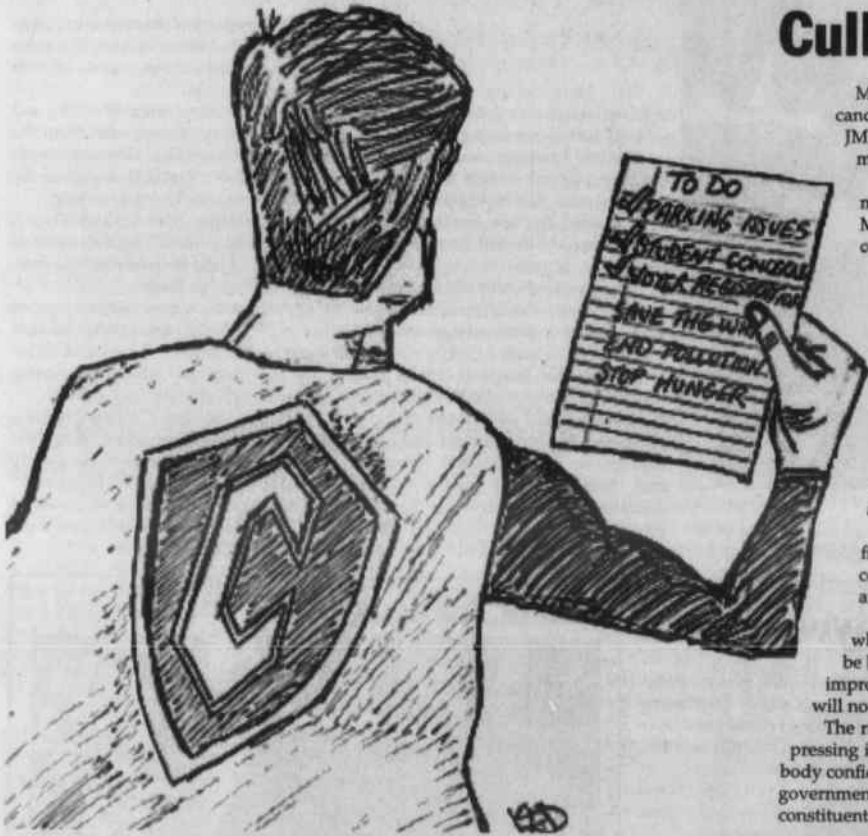
Culligan's speed out of the gate surpasses that of the previous two presidents — Levar Stoney and David Mills. While both accomplished much while in office, Culligan has shown a determination to move his term and the SGA forward, past the campaign promises and into a time of even greater progress.

The two main platform points not as yet accomplished are Golden's drive to stagger class times between the East and West sides of campus and Culligan's public safety proposals, including increasing the number of blue safety lights on campus.

While the SGA and Executive Council should be commended for their work in these first four weeks, they must not allow themselves to fall into complacency. Culligan must continue to make progress — he has proved that he can represent his constituents' needs and desires and he should continue to do so.

Culligan's crusade must identify issues important to the JMU community and act on them where appropriate. His many accomplishments are commendable and his next step should be building on his platform plank of campus safety — an issue that is a major concern. While improving distribution of "Purple Out" T-shirts is pleasant enough, without a safe campus, there will not be any students proud enough of JMU to wear them.

The rapid accomplishments through the first month must continue and must address the most pressing issues facing JMU. Culligan has shown great initiative in his first 30 days and the student body confidently can believe that he and the SGA will provide them with a strong and efficient student government this coming year — a student government that acts with a knowledge of the needs of its constituents and the determination to see that they are met.



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DESK

Early calendar start leaves wasted time

J. BARKLEY ROSSER
guest faculty columnist

This fall, JMU started earlier than it ever has, Aug. 23, resulting in only one week of classes after Thanksgiving, as in the past two years. This contributes to an attitude that the final week of classes is wasted time, with many faculty members feeling they cannot present serious new material then. Among students, this leads to an attitude that the semester effectively is over when the Thanksgiving break arrives. As many students take off the entire Thanksgiving week, it means the semester is over in the middle of November. This is not a good practice to entrench as the standard way that JMU operates.

There are other issues involved. Each year, Thanksgiving varies from Nov. 22 to 28. The semester should not run too late because it can be difficult for the Registrar's Office to record grades properly after the Monday the last final exam — faculty can turn in final grades until this point. When, as happened two years ago, Thanksgiving occurs on its latest possible date — Nov. 28 — having two weeks of classes afterwards implies that a fac-

ulty member could turn in grades as late as Dec. 23, which is a potential problem for the staff. This year, Thanksgiving falls on Nov. 25 — the possible middle date. Having two weeks of classes after Thanksgiving this year would mean that faculty would be turning in grades no later than Dec. 20 — not too late for the Registrar's Office to handle. Instead, this year faculty will turn in their grades by Dec. 13 — much earlier than necessary. This year's scheduling implies that having only one week of classes after Thanksgiving is the norm, not the exception as in the past at JMU.

Next year and for the following two years, the schedule will revert to having two weeks of classes after Thanksgiving. Current students will have become accustomed to the semester being over in the middle of November and will be taken off guard by reverting to what should be normal practice. However, after the next two years, we may again get back into the pattern of only one week of classes after Thanksgiving.

What can be done about this? In the past, there was an official calendar committee that formulated the

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UP FOR DEBATE

Without congressional act, assault weapon ban inactive after ten years

On Tuesday, the manufacturing of 19 previously banned assault-type weapons legally resumed. These weapons had been illegal to produce since 1994 when the Feinstein Bill was signed into law by former President Bill Clinton. The bill banned all weapons with certain features that made the weapons more potent and has been cited by law enforcement as lessening violent crime. Critics say that the ban infringed on the right to bear arms guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

The ban was written to expire after 10 years unless renewed by an act of Congress. President George W. Bush said he would sign such an extension into law if it were presented to him, but no bill was introduced to Congress. Senator John Kerry has criticized Bush for allowing the ban to expire.

Sophomore Katie Austen, sophomore Brian Goodman and junior Jonathan Kelly discuss the expiration of the ban in the first of our "Up for Debate" features.

Katie Austen, staff writer

AK-47s and Uzis — coming soon to a neighborhood near you, courtesy of President George W. Bush. Statisticians get ready — the violence level has potential to rise again.

Because President Bush did not resign the Feinstein Law banning the sale of assault weapons, today these ridiculously excessive rifles once again are accessible to the public. AK-47s and Uzis now will be free to use for everyday things — like sniping innocent bystanders, killing wives and looking decorative over a mantle.

Gun control is vital to our nation. During his 2000 campaign, President Bush pledged to resign the legislation and several Bush spokesmen supported his claims, but nothing has been done. Conservatives — known for their high religious and moral values — do not strike me as people who should be gun supporters.

The Feinstein Law has proved to help reduce violence. It decreased assault weapon violence by 65 percent, according to CNN. Granted, that is not 100 percent, but at least it was aiding the reduction. With the restrictions now gone, it opens up many doors to people who were not able to purchase these weapons. Having minimal regulations on handguns is upsetting enough — it would be reassuring to know that there was some sort of protection against more damaging and destructive artillery.

One of the government's responsibilities is to protect its citizens. How can one feel safe knowing that somewhere out there an angry John Doe is carrying a rifle that can inflict the maximum amount of human damage and pain?

Brian Goodman, staff writer

With a level of predictability matched only by Yellowstone geysers, Senator John Kerry lambasted the Bush administration for not strongly urging Congress to extend the federal assault weapons ban. Sounding like he borrowed one of President Bush's more simplistic speech writers for the afternoon, Kerry stated that the president's laxity has "made the jobs of terrorists easier and made the job of America's law enforcement officers harder, and that's just plain wrong."

Senator Kerry may be the only one who foresees all of America's terrorists rushing to their local gun stores and legally purchasing assault weapons instead of getting them off the black market, where they still are available without those



pesky background checks.

Due to a proliferation of loopholes that always seem to show up when Congress attempts to understand technical aspects of things they can't possibly grasp from their leather-backed chairs, manufacturers were able to keep many weapons on the market by making slight aesthetic alterations, sometimes as simple as a name change.

As long as your M-16 is called a Colt AR-15, you still could have bought it from your friendly local gun shop last week. Yet Senator Kerry still must mourn the passing of a ban that didn't effectively ban much of anything, and make reference to the war on terror to do it. And that's just plain wrong.

Jonathan Kelly, contributing writer

The reality is that the 1994 assault weapons ban law has not played a role in declining murder rates and merely has created barriers to ordinary Americans' legitimate right to own firearms under the Second Amendment.

The statute does not have true law enforcement value because semiautomatic rifles, the type of guns banned under the statute, are not commonly used among criminals. Prior to the ban, less than one in eight of all gun crimes were committed with semiautomatic weapons, according to the National Institute of Justice. Criminals are far more likely to use smaller, simpler guns — ones not banned under the 1994 law.

There is essentially no such thing as an "assault weapon," as semiautomatics are referred to in the ban statute. Semiautomatic rifles are no deadlier than simpler handguns — the difference between the two groups of firearms is that semiautomatics possess various special accessories which include folding/telescoping stocks, protruding pistol grips and detachable magazine capability, among others.

None of these cosmetic accessories increase the lethality of semiautomatic rifles over simple handguns; they merely give the shooter more options in how to handle the weapon and give the gun a more elaborate appearance. Thus, the 1994 ban intrinsically is useless as a law enforcement tool and is an unconstitutional obstacle to civilians' ability to own rifles for hunting, target shooting and self-defense. It is not possible to constitutionally ban all types of firearms from civilian ownership. Instead, gun crime offenders should face the most severe penalties possible for their actions.

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START: Formal calendar review committee needed

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schedule for the year. Several years ago, that committee was replaced by a more informal procedure in which a small group of administrators propose a schedule that is then sent around to a select set of administrators, faculty and staff for approval. Most of those receiving these proposed schedules have viewed the semester starting date as a done deal — something not to question. Pedagogical concerns about when the semester

should start have not been properly addressed by this procedure.

JMU needs to reinstitute a formal calendar committee with members selected from various campus groups in a publicly known manner. The Faculty Senate currently is considering such a proposal. I urge that the JMU community support the effort in the Faculty and Senate to bring about such a reform.

J. Barkley Rosser, Jr. is a professor of economics at JMU.

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From a junior who is proud of her ethnicity and thinks you should learn to embrace other cultures.

A "show-some-respect-for-the-red-white-and-blue" dart to the jerks who tore down and stole my large American flag over the weekend.

From a junior guy who is disgusted by your lack of respect for the flag commemorating my family members who died while saving lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

A "thanks-for-putting-up-with-our-poor-canoeing-skills" pat to the three UREC canoe trip leaders who spent many hours trying to dislodge our canoe.

From a bunch of girls who need to learn how not to steer a canoe into a bridge.



A "way-to-get-jungle-fever" pat to my roommate for having an instant message conversation with me in which we gave our boyfriends animal identities.

From an amused senior who now snickers every time dolphins and snapping turtles are mentioned.

A "there-are-better-ways-to-resolve-a-conflict" dart to the girls who quickly resorted to violence over a visitor parking space.

From a junior who just wanted an apology but ended up losing half of her hair.

A "now-that's-what-I-call-convenience" pat to Qdoba for putting a huge menu in The Breeze.

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Former JMU pitcher Dan Meyer made his major league debut Tuesday in New York.

Meyer makes MLB debut with Braves

Dan Meyer became the 11th JMU alum to play in the major leagues Tuesday night. Meyer, a left-handed pitcher, made his major league debut with the Atlanta Braves, throwing one inning against the New York Mets.

Meyer tossed a scoreless eighth in which he gave up one single while striking out one. The Braves lost the game 7-0.

Meyer was drafted by the Braves in 2002 as the 34th pick overall, after leaving JMU upon the completion of his junior year.

Since then, Meyer has worked his way up through the Atlanta organization. The lefty started the 2004 season in Double-A Greenville (S.C.), where he was 6-3 with a 2.22 earned run average through 65 innings of work. He struck out 86.

In late June, Meyer was promoted to Triple-A Richmond, where he saw action in 13 games and posted a 3-3 record with a 3.12 ERA, striking out 64 in 66 1/3 innings.

In other Diamond Duke news: McFarland announced two coaching changes for the upcoming season. Assistant coach Jay Sullenger has been promoted to take the place of Chuck Bartlett, who left to join the new staff at the University of New Orleans.

To fill the void, McFarland hired Travis Ebaugh to assume the second assistant's role. Ebaugh played baseball for JMU from 1999-2003 where he started as pitcher but ended up the team's starting center fielder for his final two seasons.

For his career, Ebaugh hit .322 with 8 home runs and 64 RBI.

Sullenger played at Liberty University and graduated in 2000.

JMU begins fall practice this week.

— from staff reports

— VOLLEYBALL —

Copenhaver named CAA player of week

Sophomore middle blocker Ashley Copenhaver was named CAA player of the week during Sept. 6-12, after JMU finished 2-1 in the CenturyTel/ Honda Classic Premier Tournament in San Marcos, Texas.

The 5-foot, 11-inch West Virginia native averaged 3.08 kills in the tournament on her way to being named to the All-Tournament team.

It was her second such honor this season, as she also earned All-Tournament consideration in the SpringHill Suites Invitational, which was held in Charlotte, N.C., the week before.

Copenhaver ranks fifth in the CAA with a .341 attack percentage while standing eighth in kills, averaging 3.32 per game.

Copenhaver and the Dukes now are preparing for their own tournament, as they will host the JMU/Days Inn Invitational that begins Friday.

— from staff reports

MEN'S SOCCER



Redshirt sophomore midfielder Mike Tuddenham and the Dukes warm up prior to a game earlier this season. JMU is 4-0-0 in 2004.

FILE PHOTO

Dukes get off to fast start

By JORDAN SCAMBOS
contributing writer

Dispatching Liberty University and toppling previously No. 20 Virginia Tech in the Virginia Tech Classic Tournament boosted the Dukes to a 4-0-0 record.

With two tournament titles under its belt this season, the team now finds itself in the national spotlight. The SoccerTimes.com panel of coaches awarded the Dukes

a vote as one of the nation's top 25 teams.

"Based on what happened in the Tech game, I'm not surprised," coach Tom Martin said. "It's rewarding for the players."

What does surprise Martin is the number of his players that have major contributions so far this season.

"We are a young team that has sustained some major injuries," Martin said. "But we've had a number of guys step up."

In their four games this season, eight different players have tallied a point for the streaking Dukes.

Redshirt freshman forward Frank D'Agostino, who had seen little time for the Dukes in the past due to injuries, has started and scored in the last two games.

"We know we have a bunch of guys who can play," Martin said. "And that's what makes us so hard to prepare for. You

never know who is going to come up big."

The Dukes still are considered a young team and will have to make up for their inexperience.

"We need to bring the 'A' game every day," Martin said.

Against the six teams who made the CAA tournament last season, the Dukes were 4-2. Against other CAA opponents, they went 0-1-2.

"That is the telling statistic of last season's young

team," Martin said. "We came out with a lackadaisical attitude on occasion."

Of the 32 players listed on JMU's roster, 22 are sophomores and freshmen. With so much youth, the Dukes look to the fruition of potential, as their top four scorers are freshmen and sophomores.

Experienced players like junior defender Danny Sheridan, who was named

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lombardo's coaching record speaks for itself

By JENN CHAPMAN
contributing writer

Living proof that a team's success stems from its coaching staff, women's soccer coach Dave Lombardo has guided the Dukes to 12 winning seasons in his 15-year tenure at JMU.

Not only did Lombardo just earn his 250th career win last season, currently, he also is ranked seventh all-time for NCAA Division I coaches in wins and 49th in career winning percentage. Lombardo is the only women's soccer coach JMU has known since the program's start in 1990. He holds a 172-110-17 record at JMU and has brought the university's name to national attention.

"Before I came to JMU, coaching was a part-time job and I had some success," Lombardo said. "I wanted to know how good a program could be if I just focused my time on coaching, so I became the first coach of women's soccer at JMU."

For 14 years, the Dukes have been ranked regionally. They were runner-up in the Eastern College

Athletic Conference in both 1991 and 1993. The excellence continued on a national spectrum as the team made its first NCAA tournament appearance in 1995 after winning the CAA. In 1996, the team went to the NCAA round of 16, only to be defeated by the University of North Carolina, who eventually became national champions. Lombardo was named Virginia Coach of the Year in 1995 and '96.

"He's been very successful because he relates well with the players and coaching staff," assistant coach Rebecca Lisack said. "He is so open-minded about new players and new systems. He is very accepting to new ideas and keeps the program fresh."

In 2001, Lombardo was asked to be an observer coach for the U.S. National Women's Team. He traveled with the team to Portugal for a seven-day tournament. The next year, the Dukes recaptured the conference title and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament, upsetting the University of Charlotte.

This year, the team opened its first five games with a 3-2 record against non-conference teams, after completing a spring season at 8-1-3.

"He's like a father to us; I am from Ohio and he has helped me adjust so much," junior midfielder Karly Skladany said. "He is a coach on the field, but then a father figure off the field."

Lombardo's coaching experience prior to JMU is just as impressive. He was head coach of Keene State, a Division II school in New Hampshire. In 1983, he was named Metro Life National Coach of the Year and New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association Coach of the Year.

Under his guidance, Keene State won the ECAC Division II championship in 1986 and 1987, after finishing second in 1985. He took the team to the NCAA 12-team open tournament and was the only Division II team there. He left the school as an inductee into the Keene State Sports Hall of Fame.



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Dave Lombardo has a 172-110-17 career record at JMU.

FOOTBALL

Dukes set for Atlantic 10 opener

By JAMES IRWIN
sports editor

After a bye week, the Dukes return to action in their Atlantic 10 Conference opener at Villanova University Saturday. JMU takes on the No. 5-ranked Wildcats in a 1 p.m. contest.

The Dukes are 1-0 this season after winning their season opener against Lock Haven University 62-7 Sept. 4 on the strength of 609 yards of total offense.

However, Villanova boasts one of the top defensive units in the country and will be a formidable opponent, coach Mickey Matthews said.

"No one has really been able to move the ball against them," Matthews said. "If you named the top 10 defensive players in our league, they'd probably have at least four of them. They're just a really dominating college defense."

The Dukes will attempt to counter Villanova's stingy defense with good play from their offensive line.

"We have to play well on the offensive line to win, no question," Matthews said.

Matthews also is looking for a big game from his receiving corps.

"I think our receivers have to play well," Matthews said. "L.C.

Baker, Tahir, Tolley; we have to make some plays to win."

As for the quarterback situation, neither redshirt sophomore Justin Rascati nor redshirt senior Matt LeZotte has captured the starting job yet.

"We'll make a gametime decision," Matthews said. "We're just going to let them practice this week. If we decide something, we're not going to announce it; both guys will play."

Defensively, the Dukes will look to contain Villanova's mobile quarterback, Marvin Burroughs.

"We have to control when he runs out of the pocket,"

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FILE PHOTO

Redshirt sophomore running back Maurice Fenner and the Dukes take on Villanova Saturday, at Villanova Stadium.

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Matthews said. "When he runs with the ball, he's really effective."

Matthews also stressed the need for the Dukes to keep wide receiver J.J. Outlaw under wraps.

"J.J. Outlaw is maybe the top skill threat in the league," Matthews said. "We've got to control him, and we have to play good red zone defense."

The Wildcats are 2-0 this season and have been nationally ranked in the Sports Network Top 25 since the first preseason polls came out in August.

Matthews is aware of Villanova's home field advantage; however, he also believes a road win would be important for the Dukes.

"We need to play well, period," Matthews said. "In the Atlantic 10, the home team wins about 70 percent of the time. Any road win is big in this league."

START: Unbeaten

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the Virginia Tech Classic MVP, and senior midfielder Denny Fulk are catalysts for this maturing team.

Its team dynamics will determine if this team fulfills its potential.

"Every team has talent, but so many things have to happen for team dynamics to work," Martin said. "We have quality players and we've been working hard, but we are not there yet."

The encouraging start has not led to unbridled optimism.

"This team and these kids have a great sense of humor and a lot of potential. They're fun to be around," Martin said. "But, when you're winning, dynamics problems can be easily masked."

"We just have to continue to improve."

Football Picks OF THE Week

Week # 3

| Visiting Team | NCAA | Home Team |
|---------------|------|------------------|
| JMU | at | Villanova |
| #2 Florida | vs | #13 Tennessee |
| #19 Maryland | vs | #8 West Virginia |
| #4 LSU | at | #15 Auburn |
| NFL | | |
| Washington | vs | New York Giants |
| Pittsburgh | vs | Baltimore |
| Indianapolis | at | Tennessee |
| Minnesota | at | Philadelphia |



| Season Total | 8-4 | 9-3 | 5-7 | 6-6 | 8-4 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Team | 666 | 750 | 416 | 500 | 666 |
| Visiting Team | JMU | Florida | West Virginia | LSU | Washington |
| NCAA | at | vs | vs | at | vs |
| Home Team | Villanova | Tennessee | West Virginia | Auburn | New York Giants |
| NFL | | | | | |
| Washington | vs | New York Giants | Washington | Washington | New York Giants |
| Pittsburgh | vs | Baltimore | Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh |
| Indianapolis | at | Tennessee | Indianapolis | Indianapolis | Indianapolis |
| Minnesota | at | Philadelphia | Minnesota | Minnesota | Minnesota |

If anyone else knows Bucky Dent's nickname in Boston, they can understand how I feel about Mike Vanderjagt.

I am pleased though that Jim's Giants got lit. Once again, the address is Irving.

As far as stand-ins, numbers speak for themselves so they need not be referenced.

And Note Dame continues to annoy me as they decided they actually wanted to play last week.

On a sidenote, the Sports Department is looking for an intern as News and the Art Room both have picked up a little extra help.

I think we deserve it, too bad the administration doesn't agree — but that's OK. Jim and I are dominating in Picks of the Week.

Speaking of which, Jasper sold out and went with Villanova: the only one to do so. How does she sleep at night?

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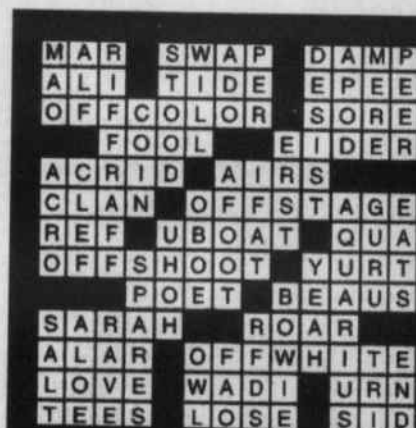
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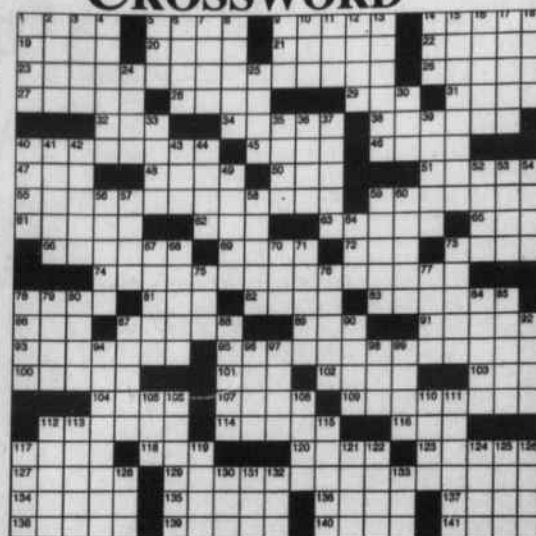


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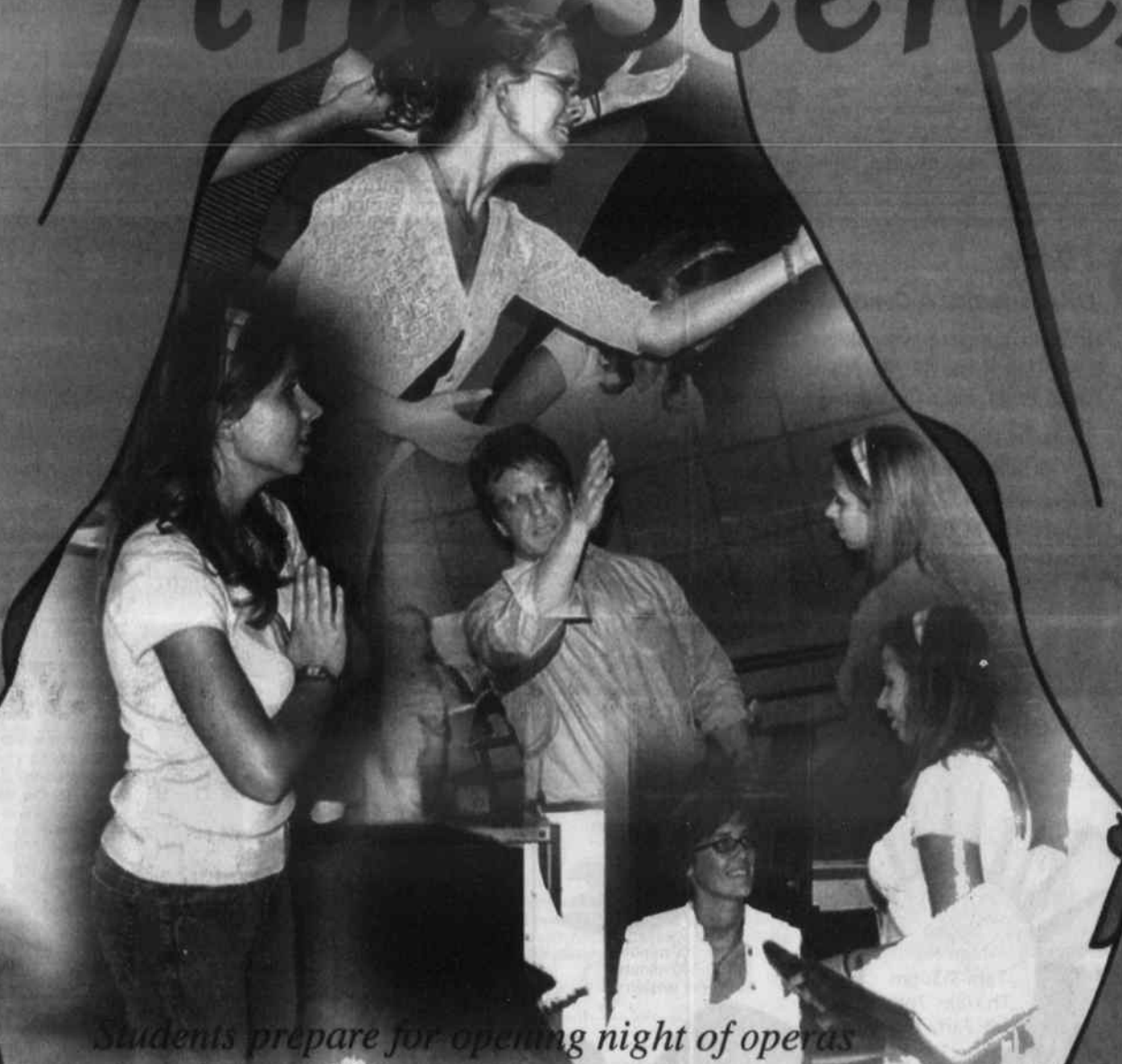
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Behind the Scenes



Students prepare for opening night of operas

Story by contributing writer Jill Yaworski • Photos by contributing photographer Meghan Funk
Graphics by art director Jenny Chanthapanya

A singer steps forward from the line of her fellow castmates. She finds her mark on the stage and belts her solo. Though it is hard for the other castmates behind her not to erupt into applause as their comrade finishes her song, they contain themselves and remain in character. The director asks her to repeat the fourth to last word in the song's first stanza. She sings just that word at least five times until the director feels certain that she hits the right note so that even patrons in the back row will hear her.

Dedicated and striving for excellence, the cast of the two upcoming operas "Sister Angelica" and "Monsieur Choufleuri" have become quite familiar with three hour rehearsals. They also know to put aside a couple hours in case their director decides to throw in an impromptu vocal practice.

"We knew that we definitely wanted to perform 'Sister Angelica,' which is a classic Italian opera," director Dorothy Maddison said. "We just needed another opera to compliment it, and 'Monsieur Choufleuri' is a spoof on Italian operas." "Sister Angelica" is more of a tragedy, while "Monsieur Choufleuri" is a comedy.

"Sister Angelica" is the tragic account of a young woman who is driven into a convent after she has a child conceived out of wedlock. "Monsieur Choufleuri," on the other hand, is full of laughs when the famous singers who Choufleuri invited to his party suddenly can't attend his soiree. Hilarity ensues when he hires his daughter and her lover to pose as his guest singers' replacements.

"We have a much larger cast this year," Maddison said. "We tried to take as many people as possible from tryouts."

The director explained that she and the other directors were interested in talented vocalists, but also students with good attitudes and an eagerness to learn.

Though most of these students have performed on stage before, the auditions were not stress-free. "I was a nervous wreck," said senior Erin

Crowley, who plays Sister Angelica (along with junior Shelly Milam with whom she shares the role). "A lot of us hadn't sung all summer and then had auditions for these operas when we came back to school."

But now that these JMU vocalists have been chosen to perform in the operas, there is no time to relax. Each singer must memorize hundreds of musical chords. "I am always running the songs over and over in my head, one line at a time," Crowley said. "We also have the Italian recordings of the songs so we can practice hitting the right notes."

Though they take their work seriously, these young singers know how to have fun. "A lot of us are friends on and off the stage," Yanez said. "In fact, the cast had a big party this past weekend."

Sophomore Mathew Dure, who plays Peterman in "Monsieur Choufleuri," said it is important for the cast to be close outside of rehearsals. "It helps the chemistry on the stage if people are friends at other times," he said. Dure's observation is evident at all rehearsals. Vocalists share words of support or a wink of encouragement as a friend / castmate stands up to perform a solo.

The cast is excited for the upcoming opening night of the operas, Oct. 20, but they also are nervous. Sophomore Laura Yanez, who plays the reporter Madame Bamandard in Monsieur Choufleuri, plans to get to the stage two and a half hours before call time. "I'll sit there and take the time to do my hair and makeup. It calms my nerves."

Dure takes a slightly different approach on the day of the performance. "I'll do nothing all day, and that includes skipping all my classes," he said. "I also will not talk to anyone for at least three hours before I begin to warm up."

Early in the production process, the sets, costumes and make-up are still in the planning stages. The crew plans to encompass the glamour of historically authentic 17th century costumes and stage sets. By juxtaposing tragedy with comedy, the shows are sure to be a night full of tears and laughter.

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Bringin' in the art

BY NICOLE MARTORANA
contributing writer

Everyday objects — notebook paper and saran wrap — and unconventional techniques challenge the limits of even the most skeptical viewer. Three new exhibits at Zirkle House by seniors Dylan Jones, Andrew Centophante and Liz McEleney stretch boundaries and cause a viewer to look past well-known means of creating art.

Jones' sculptures are a mix of saran wrap, lint, yarn and duct tape, among other household goods. A pirate bull hanging from the wall and a number of canvases depicting brightly colored creatures leer at passerby snacking on the offered Twinkies and Hi-C. Many of the sculptures continuously were evolving, Jones said. His art was a work in progress, sometimes taking him multiple days to complete.

Centophante's exhibit — which was "never meant to be a show" — is a humorous and nostalgic reminder for anyone who ever has sat among the masses in a general education lecture hall. Zirkle walls covered in old school notes and handouts full of doodles provide "a testament to how little I pay attention in class,"

Centophante said. Among the years of blue-lined, three-hole-punched pages are enlarged color prints of Centophante's favorite designs.

Those looking for a more traditional medium need look no further than McEleney's "A Fleeting Expression." Upon entering the room, 20 or so photographic prints on old pages of French literature introduce the faces of McEleney's friends and family. "This body of work is a very personal expression about expression," McEleney said. "What an individual chooses to project on his/her face is what a stranger uses to form an immediate opinion about that person. Our faces are constantly changing maps of our past, present and future," she said in a bio posted outside of the exhibit. Through the portraits, McEleney learned new things about people she has known for years, simply by capturing their expressions at spontaneous moments, she said.

The current exhibits will be on display through October 18, along with a show by artist Alexandria Searls, titled "The Jefferson Bible Photographs." Searls' black-and-white photography exhibit runs through Sept. 24. The Zirkle House Gallery is located at 983 S. Main Street across the street from the Quad.



CHRISTOPHER LABZDA/senior photographer

Zirkle House opened three new exhibits Monday, including sculptures by senior Dylan Jones, drawings by senior Andrew Centophante and photos by senior Liz McEleney.

H'burg native to sing at local venues

BY CARRIE TEICHERT
contributing writer

Even though Ben Arthur, a 31-year-old seasoned singer-songwriter, chose not to attend JMU as a student, he is sure to cause a stir during his scheduled performances later this week. A native of the 'Burg — as well as having two parents who are professors at JMU — Arthur is coming back to his roots to play four shows and speak to a music management class on campus.

Arthur picked up his first guitar at 15 and knew he'd found his life's passion. "I've always gotten a kick out of music," Arthur said. "It is what I depend on to get me through."

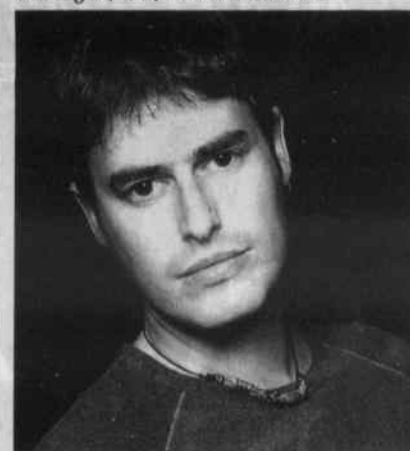
Some of his major musical influences include Def Leopard, Led Zeppelin and Spearhead.

Since both of Arthur's parents are teachers at JMU — his mother teaches art history and his father teaches theater — he decided to attend UVA. In Charlottesville, he acquired a local fan base, and soon was sharing the limelight by opening for such big names as Tori Amos and fellow townsman Dave Matthews. Arthur says that a major highlight of his career was touring in Europe and experiencing unique sounds and experiences.

Earlier this summer, he was on tour with Abre Moore. He traveled in what formally was Willie Nelson's tour bus, complete with a goofy desert scene on the side and the wacky rockstar décor inside.

Arthur offers this advice to fledgling artists attempting to break out into the business, "Make sure you're doing it because you love it, not because you imagine that you'll be on MTV or have money or people knocking on your door to hang out ... bottom line — it's a long, slow grind ... You do it because you love it."

For more information on Ben Arthur, visit his Web site, www.BenArthur.com, or see him live in Harrisonburg on Sept. 19 at 10 p.m. at Finnegan's Cove, Sept. 20 at 9 a.m. at Harrisonburg High School and Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Little Grill. He also will be making future stops in Virginia, Washington, D.C., New York and Ohio.



Courtesy of Bardic Records

Novel ponders moral questions of life, death

BY GEARY COX
senior writer

Eddie is 83 years old and — although he doesn't know it — very close to death. So opens Mitch Albom's "The Five People You Meet in Heaven." Having worked as a maintenance man at Ruby Point Amusement Park — think Coney Island — for all of his life, Eddie is a fixture at the park.

The first part of the novel concerns two threads — Eddie's death and the melodramatic tragedy of Eddie's life through his birthdays. The flashbacks to Eddie's birthdays do not recount specific, important events in his life. Instead, Albom uses these milestones to track Eddie's fortunes and misfortunes.

Then Eddie dies. Albom follows Eddie to heaven which, strangely enough, looks just like Ruby Point Amusement Park. But this isn't Eddie's heaven — he's just here to see someone. The maintenance man — now free of arthritic pain and his bum



leg — strolls down the deserted boardwalk until his first meeting. As part of heaven, Eddie must meet five people who were part of his life. Through these five seemingly unconnected people, Eddie begins to grasp the meaning and far-reaching effect of his own life.

The novel is extraordinary not only in its originality, but in the fact that it avoids saccharine clichés.

Although in Eddie's mind he has lived an unoriginal and uninspired life, the five people Eddie meets know differently — his presence had an extensive effect on everyone he met. One by one, the five reveal the mysteries of his supposedly meaningless life.

Heaven, Albom writes, is not a destination of eternal bliss — at least the part of it that Eddie sees isn't. The heaven that Eddie encounters is far better than white fluffy clouds and choirs of angels. It is a place where one's life is explained by the people one affected the most.

The novel is a classic-in-waiting, its moral revels in subtlety — don't wait for heaven, embrace your five people now.

FRUIT: BLUEBERRIES

Blueberries make seasonal, nutritional meals

BY ERIN WEIRERTER
contributing writer

Before the summer and warm weather fade into fall, take advantage of the seasonal fruits still available in the grocery store. Blueberries are one of those fruits and can be used to add nutrition and taste to ordinary meals.

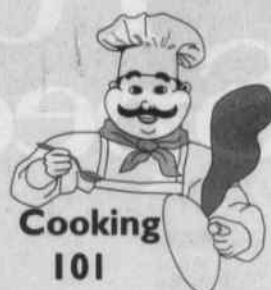
Blueberry Pancakes

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1 teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
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Approximately 1 cup whole milk
1 cup fresh or thawed and drained frozen blueberries (about 8 per pancake)
Vegetable oil or butter, for cooking

In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. In another bowl, lightly whisk the eggs into flour mixture. Combine butter and one cup milk in the bowl, then whisk mixture into the batter. The batter should be thicker than heavy cream. If the batter is too thick, add more milk.

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add oil to prevent the pancakes from sticking. Spoon about three tablespoons of batter onto the skillet to form a pancake. Repeat. Drop seven or eight blueberries on pancakes. Cook until bubbles form on the pancake surfaces then flip until golden — about three minutes.

Toss some in cereal, grab some for an afternoon snack or throw a handful in a green salad. Not only do blueberries taste great, but they provide antioxidants and disease-fighting nutrients to keep you healthy. Blueberries will keep for several days when stored in the refrigerator, so grab a few and eat them whenever the craving occurs.



Fruit and yogurt parfaits

3 cups vanilla nonfat yogurt
1 cup fresh or defrosted frozen strawberries in juice
1 pint fresh blueberries
1 cup good quality granola

Layer 1/3 cup of vanilla yogurt into the bottom of four tall glasses. Combine defrosted strawberries and juice with fresh berries. Alternate layers of fruit and granola with the yogurt to keep granola crunchy.

For more blueberry recipes, visit the Pastry Wiz Food Resource Center Web site, www.pastrywiz.com.

Friedman: 'We are crippled by sexual ignorance, gender stereotyping'

Sex educator provides thoughts on myths of 'blue balls,' how to pick a perfect condom and lubricate correctly

By GEARY COX
senior writer

Men are like microwave ovens and women are like crockpots in terms of sexual arousal, said Jay Friedman.

"Two, four, six hours later and they're still warming up," the sex educator told more than 300 students Monday night.

The crowd, mostly women, gathered to hear Friedman, a licensed sexual educator, present his sex lecture, "The J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All" in the College Center Grand Ballroom.

"The questions I get reflect a great amount of misinformation about sex in our culture," Friedman said. "We are crippled by sexual ignorance."

Most of the night was spent dispelling rumors. Myths and misconception come through chauvinistic "locker room talk," homophobia and gender stereotyping and "the myth of 'blue balls'" the Seattle, Wash.

native said.

No one should ever feel pressured to have sex because of the fear of "blue balls," Friedman said. "There have been no cases in history of guys exploding from blue balls ... If that were true, you would hear explosions all over campus."

Friedman said there are three criteria to meet before having sex with someone. "Affirm the other person," Friedman said. "That means being able to do it with the light on ... it means knowing their name."

Finally, Friedman said, participants should assure mutual pleasure by "negotiating sexual behavior you're ready for."

Friedman encouraged students to make smart decisions about sex, including the purchase and use of condoms.

"Shopping for a condom is like shopping for a car," he said. "You should look for the make, model, luxuries and features that work for you, and anyone who might ride

along with you."

To make a condom feel better, guys should lubricate the outside of the condom, as well as place a drop of lubricant inside the tip of the condom, Friedman said.

He also warned experimenters to use water-based — and not oil-based — lubricants.

This approach, he added, only leads to ignorance. "We are the laughing stock of the world for our Victorian attitudes about sex," Friedman said.

"I've never seen a real-life sexpert before," said sophomore Adam Loew. "But this guy definitely seemed to know what he was talking about. I loved his props — especially the giant condom he put on his hand."

Sophomore Whitney March said, "I liked the lecture, though his first story was a little gross." Friedman opened with a graphic story that, at the end, turned out to be about a mother breast feeding a baby.



GEARY COX/senior photographer

Friedman, a licensed sexual educator, spoke to a crowd of over 300 adults Monday night on unexpected pregnancy and other topics. "It's all a matter of perspective," he said. "You never know until it happens to you."

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